Hopkinton Mass
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Rev Amos A Phelps

Boston

Mass.

you mention nothing respecting Mrs D we ar[illegible]
ful anxious to hear from her for her memory
is dear to many in this place we are in good
health at the present

yours Affectionately Elijah Fitch

do to name for I perceive that there is
a spirit of jelousy that is hard to be overlook
I mentioned Mr Coggswell as one who we might
confide in, to recommend a suitable man for
us. I think he would be the most likely man
that we can find to unite the committee
and guard against prejudice. your name would
be like fire amongst stubble with a certain class
and you will see that part of the committee
are of that class and could Mr Coggswells Name
be appended ~~be appended~~ to a recommendation
of Mr Goodman I should have confidence
in pressing it upon the committe but our
meeting is so near that I cannot see how it can
be accomplished should the committee not agree
to employ Mr Cloyes any longer I should be
glad to hear Mr Goodman if by any means
it can be accomplished I should have written to
you before but finding Mr C within when I
returned home I hardly knew what to write
and still the same perplexity exists, If you
think the plan of Mr Coggswell as I have
mentioned would be a good one and if you would
obtain a recommendation from him you will
confer a favour upon us, I think there is
but little ~~room to think~~ doubt but that we shall
be able to settle an orthodox man, if we
can obtain a smart man as the furnace is,
for the unitarians will go with the orthodox
rather than the Universalists.

Hopkinton May 5th 1838

Dear E. Fitch

PHELPS MSS.

Rev and dear friend

I found last evening yours of the 30th ult at the post office in which you write that Mr Goodman is at liberty and may be obtained but how to introduce him I am as yet unable to divine Mr Hall has introduced a Mr Cloyse who has preached the two last Sabbaths and will preach tomorrow. after which Mr Hall has two Sabbaths to close his ministry with us. Mr Cloyse is settled at Plainfield Meriden parish New Hampshire is some what advanced in life I supose about fifty has a family of five children I do not think he will meet the wishes of the Parish from what I can learn altho there is much caution about expressing an opinion on the subject I think he will not gather much of a congregation and this seems to be an object in which all express an interest our Parish Meeting resulted more favourable than I had anticipated the Universalist party cannot unite the unitarians with them and they were defeated. the committee to supply the pulpit are somewhat mixed and with designs to unite they consist of Myself Samuel D Dennison Nathan Woolson Ed Spiers Ellis Charles Seaver John Gibson & Aronwell Gibbs three from the Church and four from the Parish we have had one meeting and employd Mr Cloyse two sabbaths as I have mentioned we shall meet on monday next I mentioned that Mr Goodman was recommended as one that would suit us but did not tell by whom he was recommended I should be glad if it could come from some other source that it would do

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